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Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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All Participants: **Status of Application:** _____

(1) Steven D. Maki. (3) _____.

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Date of Interview: 6 January 2004 **Time:** _____

Type of Interview:

Telephonic
 Video Conference
 Personal (Copy given to: Applicant Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: Yes No
 If Yes, provide a brief description: _____

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

112

Claims discussed:

1, 12, 17 and 21-23

Prior art documents discussed:

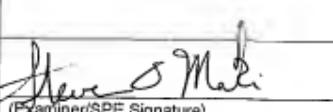
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Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:
 see Interview summary attachment

Part III.

It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
 It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.


 (Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – If appropriate)

Interview Summary Attachment

On 1-6-04, examiner informed applicant's representative that the after final amendment filed 12-08-03 has been received and scanned.

Examiner proposed changes to place the case in condition for allowance.

Examiner proposed changing title to --Pneumatic tire having lug grooves--. In each of claims 1, 12 and 17, examiner proposed (1) on lines 4-5 delete --such that an axially inner groove edge of each lug groove is aligned on the central plane-- and (2) on line 6 after "lug pattern" insert --such that an axially inner groove edge of each lug groove is aligned on the central plane--. In the specification page 3 line 3, examiner also proposed inserting --An axially inner groove edge of each lug groove is aligned on the central plane-- after "10% to 25%". Examiner noted that the proposed drawing correction for figure 1B has been approved by the examiner. Examiner commented that the subject matter of the insertion for page 3 line 3 of the specification (which provides literal antecedent basis for the claim language) is reasonably conveyed by the original disclosure including figure 1A and specification page 10. Page 10 lines 14-17 clearly indicate that applicant broadly contemplated locating the axially inner groove edge of the lug groove on the center plane and that the inconsistency between figures 1A and 1B is resolved by correcting figure 1B. Examiner further commented that the 112 rejections against claims 21-23 have been withdrawn in view of the amendment to claims 21-23.